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Alumni President's February Letter

Dear Fellow Alumni:

I appreciate the opportunity afforded me in this, the first monthly issue of Alumni Columns, to send you greetings. I want you to know that I appreciate the honor you have bestowed upon me by electing me president of the Northwestern State College Alumni Association.

As most of you know, I have been vitally interested in our Association for more than a quarter of a century, and I am anxious, as I know you are, to see our organization grow and develop into one of the most active and progressive alumni associations in the state and nation. As your president, I stand ready to use all of my time and energy necessary to make this a reality.

However, I know you realize that such an undertaking cannot be accomplished without the combined efforts and the unstinted support of every member of our association. We should become more conscious of the fact that a college is not measured by its buildings, its faculty, or its student body, but by its graduates. It is, therefore, our responsibility to do everything in our power to further the growth and development of our Alma Mater so that it may take its rightful place among the other great educational institutions of our country.

For your information, your Alumni Board has held a number of meetings since the annual homecoming last spring and has set up several objectives, chief among which are the establishment of parish alumni units throughout the state and the publication of a monthly news-letter.

Definite plans are now being formulated to organize alumni units, the first of which is to be in Natchitoches Parish, home of Northwestern State College. It is anticipated that this first unit will have a membership of several hundred alumni and will serve as a springboard for the organization (Continued on Page 4)

Gibson Gives Objectives For College and Alumni

To Alumni and Other Friends
of Northwestern State College
of Louisiana:

The Alumni Columns News-Letter is planned as a medium for keeping the alumni and other friends of this College informed about its program and activities and for disseminating interesting information about alumni and present members of the College, staff and students.

All friends of this College want to see it carry on and give emphasis to its finest traditions. They want it also to make changes and adaptations to the new occasions and the new duties required of a college in our erupting modern society.

To achieve and maintain its status as a college that does these things, it should:

1. Retain those superior and industrious members of the faculty who have done so much to make this College what it is today.
2. Attract to this campus superior and resourceful men and women to fill faculty vacancies.
3. Draw to the College superior young high school graduates—the speakers, the writers, the good students, the natural leaders, and the natural athletes—in other words, the elite and gifted young people of Louisiana who are seriously interested in work

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College Broadcasts

If you're within range, tune in on KWCJ for radio programs sponsored by the College. On Wednesdays at 11:45 a. m., the Home Economics Department has a spot on a sustaining program entitled, "Listen, Ladies." Thursday evenings at 7 o'clock the Music Department has a weekly program. The News Bureau presents a five-minute newscast Friday evening at 7 o'clock, and that's followed by an income tax program of the Business Department. Saturday morning at 7:05 o'clock, the College Department of Agriculture presents a program for farm folk.



Mr. and Mrs. T. V. Falk

Pictured above are Mr. and Mrs. T. V. Falk of 2627 Sheffield Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, enjoying the snow during the "White Christmas" of 1947. Mrs. Falk is the former Edna Camille Ford, graduate of 1938, who worked at Barksdale Field prior to her marriage last June.

ALUMNI Here 'n There

Albert C. Willis, B. S. '47, has been serving as College Service Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs, at Southeastern Louisiana College, Hammond, since his graduation last summer.

Mrs. G. F. Orcutt (Pauline Holland, B. S. '45) is now residing at 38 Linden Avenue, Jamestown, New York. She is teaching Commerce in the Jamestown Business College. Mrs. Orcutt received her M. S. degree from Columbia University in 1946. She was a recent visitor to the campus.

Mrs. Karl F. Limbacher (Helen Davis, A. B. '40) is the happy mother of a son, Durward, six months old. After spending three years in Atlanta, Ga., and two in Connecticut, Mr. and Mrs. Limbacher are now living in Iowa while Mr. Limbacher is working on his Ph.D. degree at University of Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Belias L. Thrasher
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Monthly Issue Planned for Newsletters

The ALUMNI COLUMNS, the official publication of the Alumni Association, which has been published quarterly during the regular school year, will be published every month through the months of September to May, inclusive. It has been agreed by the Board of Directors of the Association that it would serve a long-felt need of the alumni to change the frequency of the publication, even though the issues themselves would be smaller and in the form of a news-letter. This change in frequency would give to the alumni more recent news than is possible in a quarterly magazine. In making the change, however, the directors agreed that two of the issues, the Fall Homecoming issue and the Spring Homecoming issue, would be sent out in the magazine style formerly used.

In order for the alumni office to handle the mailing of the monthly publication, it was necessary for the Board of Directors to purchase an addressograph, the necessary plates, frames, index cards, cabinets, etc. The purchase of this material will greatly facilitate the mailing of not only the COLUMNS but any other letters or general information that will go out of the office from time to time.

The College has furnished the alumni office with a Graphotype machine, electrically operated, that will cut our own plates and save quite an item of expense in purchasing plates already cut for use in the addressograph. With the Graphotype furnished us, plates may be cut for new addresses each time a change of address is received, and our mailing addresses can be kept up to date.

All this equipment has cost the Association money, and it has been spent in an effort to serve the alumni better and give you what we believe you want—regular and

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IN MEMORIAM

Walter S. Mitchell

Walter S. Mitchell, Registrar at the College for the past 22 years, died suddenly of a heart attack in Little Rock, Arkansas, on December 31, while visiting friends and relatives there.

Mr. Mitchell gave practically all of his adult life to the cause of education. Born at old Fort Jessup, near Many, he received his early education there. Receiving his B. S. degree from Meridian College, Meridian, Miss., he became superintendent of schools in Sabine Parish, a position he held for 10 years. He received his A. B. degree from N. S. C. in 1921 and his M. A. degree from L. S. U. in 1929.

In 1925, Mr. Mitchell came to the campus as Registrar of the College and was serving in that capacity at the time of his death.

"Uncle Jack" Sandlin

Mr. J. L. Sandlin died at his home in Natchitoches on December 3. "Uncle Jack," as he was lovingly known on the campus, served as night watchman, and then was transferred to day duty, for more than 20 years. He would have reached the age of 90 years on his next birthday. It was truthfully said of "Uncle Jack" that he lived every day just to be able to return the next day to the campus he loved so well.

Hall Is Realtor;
Smith, Accountant

Mr. Charles T. Hall, A. B. '13, is associate member of W. F. Hill, Realtor, in Shreveport. Charles is another of the many boys who, after completing their years of service with Uncle Sam, decided that there were many ways of making a better living than that of teaching school. Mrs. Hall is the former "Bebe" Bouanchaud, ex '42.

A recent visitor to the campus was Mr. Lisso Smith, B. S. '36. Lisso graduated in accounting and has been working for the Talco Asphalt and Refining Company of



Thomas Patrick Jordan

Thomas Patrick Jordan, one-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Boh Murphy Jordan of 9123 Stroelitz Street, New Orleans, is pictured above. His father was a Business Administration major at the College and is employed in the Accounting Department of Shell Oil Company in New Orleans.



Anne Christine Harris

Anne Christine Harris is the five-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Grady R. Harris of Morgan City. Mrs. Harris, the former Marion Frances See, graduated in 1940. Little Anne Christine was crown bearer for the Morgan City High School Homecoming Court last year.

News Notes On Ex-Demons

Graduate athletes of the College won many laurels during the football season in 1947. Ten ex-Demons sent their high school elevens into district play-offs in their divisions.

Jimmy Austin, Haynesville; Shelton Killen and Ted Wright, Lake Charles; and Zolon Stiles, Fair Park, sent their teams into play-offs in Class AA. In Class A, Faize Mahfouz and Edmond Saucier, Eunice; Ralph Hudson, LaGrange; Billy Baucum, Springhill; and John Nicosia, Winnsboro, sent their charges into the state eliminations. Perry Angle was the only ex-Demon to capture a title, however. His Baker High eleven copped the Class B crown. Tony Porter of New Orleans Academy was eliminated in the Class B New Orleans district play-off.

In case you're wondering about that sweater you earned back in 1942, a shipment has finally arrived. The first of such awards was presented recently in the N Club room to letter winners. Others are to be shipped to graduates. It was the first shipment of sweaters since 1942. It'll be a warm winter from here on out.

Tom Elkins' Natchitoches quintet bids fair to repeat as Class A cage champs this year. Last year, Tom took the top honors in Class A. Wilmer Jackson's Fairview-Alpha team won Class C, and

Mt. Pleasant, Texas, as an accountant for the past seven years. He is living at 515 East Fourth Street, Mt. Pleasant, Texas.

Perry Angle's Baker High was top team in Class B.

Billy Baucum, Springhill, was principal speaker at the annual Demon football banquet. Billy did a fine job and his advice to senior squad members was well received.

Tandy Jackson, former cage great, was one of the officials for the Louisiana Tech game here.

Walter Ledet, N Club secretary, urges all graduates who are members of the club to forward addresses in order that their names can be added to the roster. The club now boasts a radio-phonograph and ex-Demons are invited to drop in to enjoy a bull session with other grads.

W. L. Colvin of Jeanerette was re-elected president of the Louisiana High School Athletic Association at the meeting held in Alexandria on January 24.

A reunion of ex-Demons is certain to take place February 20-21, when some 84 teams invade the campus for the annual Northwest Louisiana Basketball Rally.

Questionnaires Sent

Questionnaires were mailed out recently to graduates of last year and those of five years ago. The College is interested in learning something of the activities and interests of its graduates. It is also interested in learning what the graduate, after some time away from the campus, thinks of the educational offerings and administration of the College.

Spring Practice
Begins; Announce
Football Schedule

Football practice was initiated recently. Some 55 candidates answered the call but that number will be decreased in practice sessions, according to Coach Harry Turpin. Several players were lost at mid-term because of ineligibility, resignation from school, and transfers. High school graduates entering at mid-term partially offset the losses.

H. Lee Prather, Athletic Director, announced the following tentative 1948 schedule:

September 25—Oklahoma State College, here.

October 2 Pensacola Naval Air Station, there.

October 9—Louisiana College, there.

October 16—Southeastern, there.

October 23—Louisiana Tech, Shreveport.

October 30—Mississippi Southern, here.

November 6—Open.

November 13—Arkansas State College, here.

November 30—Southeastern, here.

Oklahoma State, Pensacola, Naval Air Station, and Arkansas State are newcomers to the Demon schedule.



George B. Hughes and Family

George B. Hughes and family are pictured above. The family consists of George, his wife, "Jane from Ohio," and daughter, "Mary Ellen from Heaven." George was pianist in the College orchestra before entering service in the Navy, where he served four years. He is studying piano at Louisiana College at present and lives at 1607 Military Highway, Pineville.

1947-48 Basketball Squad

Alumni Here 'n There

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(Joan Whitehead, ex '43) are located in Thawville, Illinois. Mr. Thrasher was a student in the Navy School here on the campus at the time they were married, November 19, 1913. They have a young son, Michael Andrew, born November 17, 1946. Incidentally, they sent in a check to take care of a subscription to the Alumni Columns for the next five years.

Mr. and Mrs. John Charles Parker (Margaret Griffin, B. S. '43) and son, John Charles Parker II, are living in Harahan, La., where John Charles is studying accounting and working for an accounting firm in New Orleans.

Ex-President Joe Farrar was a recent visitor to the campus and renewed acquaintances. He is Dean of the College, Mississippi Delta State Teachers' College, Cleveland, Mississippi.

Miss Betty Jean Kuhn of Tallulah, now a teacher at Many, was guest pianist on a recent college musical program. She accompanied Paul Torgrimson of the music department faculty, at the second piano.

Mrs. Margaret Williams Kennedy of the class of 1945 recently moved back to Natchitoches. Her husband, J. W. Kennedy, is assistant to Curtis Guillet at Guillet Studios.

Julia Collier, B. S. '46, married Howard Gates recently. Mrs. Gates is teaching physical education at Louisiana College, Pineville.

Miss Marie Miller, A. B. '45, is Baptist Student Union secretary at Texas State College for Women at Denton, Texas.

Miss Lynn Steed is Publicity Director at All Saints' College, Vicksburg, Mississippi.

Former Business Manager Rupert H. Cooke is Business Manager and Publicity Director at Gulf Park College, Gulfport, Mississippi.

Gilbert T. Saetre, former band director, is leading musicians at Mississippi Southern, Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

Miss Faye Garrett is now Mrs. Bruce Watson. She is a teacher at Fair Park High School. Her husband is a native South Carolinian. They live in Shreveport.

Jack Napier, a recent graduate, is instructor in industrial arts at Bastrop.



Coach H. Lee Prather's Demon Cagers Are at It Again

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Robeau, Jr. (Ethel Louise Kaffie), of New Orleans have announced the arrival of a son, Joseph Edward Robeau III, who was born on December 20, at Touro Infirmary.

A son, Charles Allen Mathis, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Mathis on October 4 at Baton Rouge. If he follows in his father's footsteps, he will be a great football player. Charles played on the team here 1936-1940.

Rev. and Mrs. Homer Coleman (Ruby Elkins) are the proud parents of a beautiful daughter, Glynis Nadene, who arrived on December 30 at Minden. Both parents are graduates of the College.

Mr. and Mrs. Gaston M. England, 2795 Scenic Highway, Baton Rouge, have announced the 1947 England, "Baby Richard Wayne," model No. 1, as of November 3. "This model has Two Lung Power, Free Squealing, Scream-Line Body, Non-Shimmy Dimpled Knee Action, Automatic Intake, Economical Feed, and Changeable Seat Covers." Mr. and Mrs. England (Marcille Culpepper) are both graduates.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas R. Warwick (Mary Allen Caraway, B. S. '41) of 411 East 12th Street, Dallas, Texas, are the proud parents of a son, Robert Arthur, who was born August 14.

Prather's Cagers Again Set Enviably Record

In his 35th year at the helm of the purple and white jersied court performers, Coach Prather is directing another winning quintet. In 18 contests played thus far the Demons have won 14 and lost 4. They are undefeated in the Louisiana Intercollegiate Conference. However, this record is especially outstanding in that, with the exception of Loyola University, the Demons have beaten each of their opponents at least once. Although defeated by Centenary, Oklahoma City University, and Delta State Teachers' College, the Demon courtmen hold wins over these teams. Only one game, at New Orleans, was carded with Loyola.

The season's record through February 11 is as follows:

NSC	Opponents
62	East Texas Baptist Col. 42
56	Okla. City University... 38
32	Okla. City University... 27
114	Barksdale Field..... 55
51	Springhill College..... 41
40	Loyola University..... 45
71	Barksdale Field..... 49
77	*Louisiana College..... 40

63	*Southwestern Louisiana 41
41	Centenary College..... 54
65	*Southeastern Louisiana. 27
55	Centenary College..... 46
36	Okla. City University... 40
48	*Louisiana Tech..... 11
51	Delta State Teachers... 63
43	*Louisiana College..... 25
62	East Texas Baptist Col. 39
16	Delta State Teachers... 40

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*Conference games.

Visitors to Campus

Betty Sue Allison and Mrs. Bennie DeMent Hillman, both teachers, were visitors to the campus during the Students' Louisiana Constitutional Convention, February 6-7.

Attends TSCW

Mrs. Colleen Bennett, a recent graduate, is attending Texas State College for Women while husband Gordon Bennett, former student here, takes over new duties as assistant director of safety services for the Memphis-Shelby County Chapter, American Red Cross, Memphis, Tennessee.

Gibson Gives...

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and growth in an environment most favorable to higher education.

1. Obtain increased state appropriations for the employment of superior men and women as teachers, and for the extension and improvement of the College plant (a new science building, additional dormitories for men and for women, a larger and air-conditioned library, better teacher-education facilities are among our plant needs).
5. Develop an *esprit de corps* so fine that all students and former students will say with pride, "I belong to Northwestern State College of Louisiana and that old place belongs to me."

Alumni and friends, it will require your enthusiastic support to achieve all these things. You will know of ways and means whereby you can help. May we count on you?

JOSEPH E. GIBSON,
President.

Kaffie Heads Local Alumni Committee

In accord with plans adopted by Alumni Board of Directors, Harold Kaffie has been named chairman of a committee of twenty Alumni to reorganize the Natchitoches unit of the Association.

The initial meeting of the Committee will be held at historic Old Lemee House on Tuesday evening, February 24. Plans will be made at this meeting to call a general meeting of all Alumni in Natchitoches, at which time officers of the unit will be elected, and committees appointed.

Following the organization of the Natchitoches unit, groups in other parishes will be called together to perfect similar organizations. The Alumni secretary will be present for the organization of all parish groups, and President Joseph E. Gibson will attend all meetings possible.

All Alumni are urgently requested to attend meetings held in their area for the organization of local units. We believe we have something to offer you and a definite program of work for the building of a greater solidarity of our graduates and for the building of a greater college. We want you to continue to be justly proud of your Alma Mater.



Betty Faye and Emma Jean Bradshaw

Betty Faye and Emma Jean Bradshaw are the nine-year-old twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Bradshaw of Anacoco. Mr. Bradshaw graduated from the College in 1936 and is principal of the Orange High School. Mrs. Bradshaw, a graduate of Louisiana Tech, is teaching Home Economics in the same school.

Cupid's Doings

MISS ROSEMARY STEERE McCLURG of Shreveport, ex '44, and Charles Baggett Moore of Shreveport at First Presbyterian Church on November 25.

MISS SARA GRIGG of Simsboro, B. S. '43, and Troy J. Powell of Cash, Ark., in Shreveport on October 25.

Miss Alice Miller Evans of Baton Rouge and Mr. THOMAS ELMO HILL, JR., B. S. '44, of Mansfield, at First Baptist Church, Baton Rouge, December 1.

MISS LOLA PEARL HORTON of McDade, A. B. '46, and Dr. Theus Nicholson Armistead of Shreveport in Shreveport on November 26.

MISS LAURA LOUISE FLOURNOY of Greenwood, A. B. '39, and Mr. Eugene Forsythe of Greenwood, Missouri, at Methodist Church, Greenwood, November 16.

MISS BENNIE INEZ DEMENT of Haughton, A. B. '47, and Mr. JIMMIE HILLMAN of Northwestern State, at Haughton on August 10.

MISS ELIZABETH ANN TURPIN of Lumberton, Miss., ex '45, and Mr. Talmadge R. Reese of Panola, Texas, at Dunlap Memorial Church, Shreveport, December 26.

MISS GAYNELL YOUNGBLOOD of Shreveport, ex '42, and Mr. Paul Owan Roussel of Shreveport, at Noel Memorial

Methodist Church on November 26.

Miss Sara Johnette Sutton of Haynesville and Mr. HAROLD T. TINSLEY of Haynesville, B. S. '43, on December 22.

MISS KATHERINE TAYLOR JOBE of Natchitoches, B. S. '38, and Mr. Lewis C. Price of Baton Rouge, in Baton Rouge on November 1.

MISS CARMEN COURTNEY of Mansura, B. S. '46, and Mr. Thomas McNabb of Bunkie, in Mansura on August 10.

Monthly Issue...

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frequent news about your Alma Mater.

If you want this kind of service, and we believe you do, it will be necessary for all of us to send our contribution towards paying the initial cost of equipment and the continuance of the publication of the ALUMNI COLUMNS. NOW is the time to attend to this matter. Fill out the check enclosed (or your own personal check if you prefer) and send it in TODAY. Next month's issue will carry a tabulation of early returns.

Alumni President's . . .

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of units in other parishes. It is hoped that alumni in every parish throughout the state will rally in support of this movement when units are organized in their respective parishes.

Although for several years our Association has published the Alumni Columns quarterly, it is now felt that more frequent publications should be issued to give all of us current news concerning the members of our Association and the activities of the College. This publication will continue to be edited monthly by our alumni secretary, Leroy S. Miller. Two large issues, one featuring the spring homecoming and the other the fall homecoming, will be published during the year.

Naturally, this expanded publication program will necessitate added expenditures including the purchase of an addressograph costing \$1,550.00, together with the printing and mailing of additional issues of the news-letter. The only means of financing the major portion of this program is through voluntary contributions from members of the Alumni Association, the faculty, and other friends of the College. If you think this is a worthwhile project which will keep you informed at all times about the affairs of our Association and our Alma Mater, will you please send your contributions at once, be they large or small, to our alumni secretary to help defray added expenses. We shall keep you informed monthly through this news-letter as to the number and amount of contributions made.

In closing this message to you, I would like to invite you to give me your impressions of our projected program and to offer any suggestions you may have that will strengthen our Association. Our new president, Joseph E. Gibson, is vitally interested in our organization and has pledged his full support to assist us in every way possible in the accomplishment of our objectives. Let's combine our united efforts in building one of the most outstanding alumni associations in the state and nation. *Others are doing it; why can't we?*

Sincerely yours,
J. W. WEBB, President



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